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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE: MALTESE CONTINUE TO STONEWALL

REF: GENEVA 5283

1. I HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO AMBASSADOR ATTARD KINGSWELL, WHO IS LEAVING WITHIN THE HOUR TO JOIN THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. OUR DELEGATION'S ASSUMPTION (PARA 3 REFTEL) THAT ATTARD KINGSWELL WILL MAKE A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT CONCESSIONS IS QUITE CORRECT. HE TOLD ME THAT MALTA WAS NOT AT ALL HAPPY WITH COMPROMISE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD THUS FAR AND THAT MINTOFF HAD TOLD HIM TO MAKE AN ON-THE-SPOT ASSESSMENT WITH AMBASSADORS GAUCI AND MALLIA IN GENEVA BEFORE DECIDING ON NEXT STEP. WHEN I MENTIONED MALTA'S ISOLATION IN ITS POSITION IN GENEVA, ATTARD KINGSWELL RESPONDED THAT "IT ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE BEEN ISOLATED AND WE ARE QUITE USED TO BEING IN THAT POSITION."

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2. FOLLOWING A CEREMONY LATE JULY 8 DURING WHICH ATTARD KINGSWELL AND THE GERMANAMBASSADOR HERE SIGNED A NEW LOAN AGREEMENT (SEPTEL), ATTARD KINGSWELL TOLD MY GERMAN COLLEAGUE THAT MALTA "SIMPLY WOULD NOT AGREE" IN GENEVA UNLESS IT IS SATISFIED. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, ATTARD KINGSWELL WAS MUCH LESS CATEGORICAL. IT IS THEREFORE STILL POSSIBLE THAT MINTOFF MAY HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM TO PUSH STRONGLY IN THE JULY 10 MEETING TO EXTRACT FURTHER CONCESSIONS BUT TO GO ALONG IF NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS SEEM POSSIBLE. SMITH

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